

Town of Mina
“Complete Streets” Resolution #9-20
February 13, 2020

WHEREAS, the Town of Mina and especially the downtown Findley Lake area and around the lake are enjoyed by residents, guests and visitors as a place of serenity, enjoyment, relaxation and rejuvenation, the ability to walk and bicycle safely are important elements of a fulfilling experience and a positive quality of life; and

WHEREAS, bicycling and walking are important forms of transportation and recreation for an inclusive community, and walking and bicycling contribute to health, fitness, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Street policy considers the needs of all users of the Town of Mina’s roadways of all ages and abilities including: pedestrians, bicyclists, school bus riders, motorists, transporters of commercial goods, the business community, snowmobile riders, persons with disabilities, seniors, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, streets that support and invite multiple uses, including safe, active, and ample space for pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicle transportation are more conducive to the enjoyment and efficient movement of people than streets designed primarily to move automobiles and trucks; and

WHEREAS, promoting pedestrian, bicycle and public transportation travel as an alternative to the automobile reduces negative environmental impacts, promotes healthy living, and is less costly; and

WHEREAS, the design and construction of new roads and facilities should anticipate future demand for biking, walking, and other alternative transportation facilities and not preclude the provision of future improvements; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets are supported by the Institute of Traffic Engineers, the American Planning Association, and many other transportation, planning and public health professionals; and

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed the Complete Streets Act on August 15, 2011, requiring state, county and local agencies to consider the convenience and mobility of all users when developing transportation projects that receive state and federal funding; and

WHEREAS, Chautauqua County adopted a “Complete Streets” policy on June 24, 2015 following the Chautauqua 20/20 Comprehensive Plan adopted by the County Legislature in 2011 which provides that the County will follow the NYS DOT “Complete Streets” design for all road projects in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mina’s Comprehensive Plan adopted in July 2006 amended the Town’s mission statement and it currently reads: “The mission of the Town of Mina is to

enhance the quality of life, to preserve its rural environment and history, to recognize the diverse interests of the community, and to approach issues in an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, in October 2019 a walkability study was conducted by Town of Mina community volunteers following a survey instrument developed by AARP after which the group identified a number of safety issues on the roads and highways in the Town of Mina with regard to walking and bicycling in the downtown area and around Findley Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Mina desires to promote a safe environment for its residents, guests and visitors; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall formally adopt a Complete Streets Program and require the Town of Mina Highway Department to consider all modes of travel within its design projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Mina Highway Department shall, in the planning state of each project, evaluate the feasibility of implementing the Complete Streets design features which may include: sidewalks, paved shoulders suitable for use by bicyclists, lane striping, bicycle lanes, share the road signs, crosswalks, road diets, pedestrian control signalization, bus pull outs, pedestrian curb ramps, and traffic calming measures; and recognize that the needs of users of the road network vary according to the density of the population and proximity to other houses, businesses and Findley Lake; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Complete Streets shall not apply in the following circumstances: (1) projects limited to resurfacing, maintenance, or pavement recycling; (2) locations where use by bicyclists and pedestrians is prohibited by law; (3) the cost would be disproportionate to the need; or (4) demonstrated lack of need as determined by factors such as, but not limited to: land use context, current and projected traffic volumes, and population density; (5) demonstrated lack of community support; or (6) the use of these design features would have an adverse impact on, or be contrary to, public safety: and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Mina Highway Department shall not be required to expend monies that exceed the amount of County, State and Federal funding allocated for a particular project as identified in the Town's capital program.

Adopted upon motion by Councilman Luce and second by Councilman Roache with the following vote:

Supervisor Brumagin - Aye
Councilman Burmaster - Aye
Councilman Luce - Aye
Councilman Roache - Aye
Councilman Watrous - Aye